

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicants: Norihiro NISHIMOTO *et al.*

Title: TREATMENT OF VASCULITIS WITH IL-6 ANTAGONIST  
*(AS AMENDED)*

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated March 17, 2009. A petition for a one month extension of time, and the required fees, accompanies this submission, making timely the response.

**Amendments to the specification** begins on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: